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APPENDICES

1. SOME VITAL STATISTICS OF CORBU

162 In 1928 there were born in Corbu 34 boys and 33 girls, of whom 53 babies belonged to Uniate and 13 to Roman Catholic households, while one was of Orthodox parentage. In 1929 the births included 35 boys and 27 girls, of whom 34 babies belonged to Uniate and 22 to Roman Catholic households, while 4 were of Jewish, one of Orthodox and one of Baptist parentage.

Of the fathers of 57 legitimately born children in 1928 forty-seven were described as peasants, five as labourers, one as joiner, one as baker, one as bootmaker, one as chauffeur.

Of the fathers of 55 legitimately born children in 1929 thirty-four were described as peasants, eleven as labourers, one as joiner, one as bootmaker, one as smith, one as forester; these apparently do not include the 4 Jewish children.

Apparently the numbers of children in a family were usually 3, 4 or 5, but there was one family of 10 children. There were in the village 415 heads of households, among whom were included a number of widows.

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2. "DOT," OR MARRIAGE PORTION

A girl of moderate means brings to her home on marriage:

Seven to nine pillows, blankets and sheets;

At least fifteen towels;

Four or five carpets or rugs, to adorn the walls;

Personal clothes dependent on her skill. She will try to have special clothes for the great festivals such as Easter, Christmas, etc.;

Sheep, cows, and her share of the heritage from her father.

It is said that a girl begins to make her "dot" at the age of 6 years. The proportions of the sexes are approximately equal, and few adults remain unmarried.

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Woman's embroidered blouse.

Roumanian peasant at Bran in the Transylvanian Alps.

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Portion of girl's dowry, showing elaborately embroidered pillows and bed-covers.

Plate XVI.

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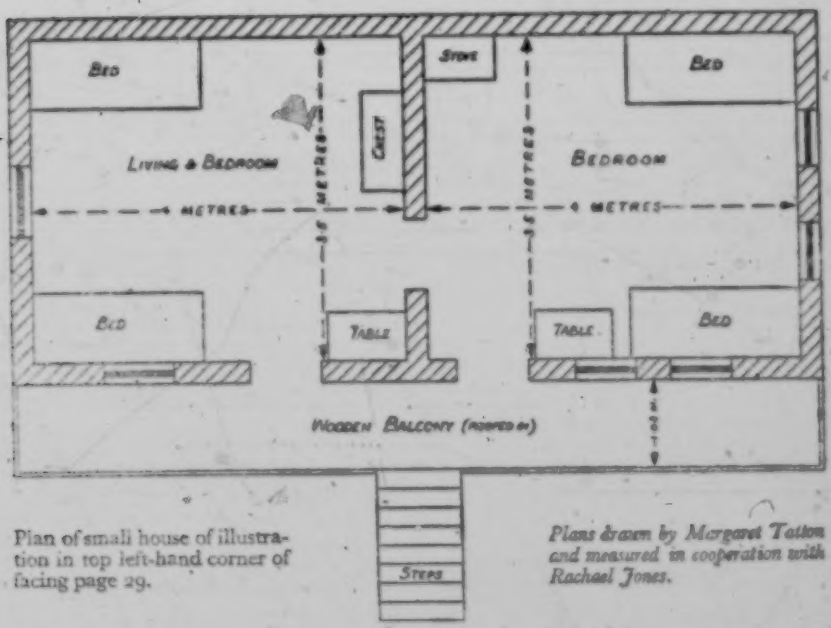

Plan of small house of illustration in top left-hand corner of facing page 29.

Plans drawn by Margaret Tatton and measured in cooperation with Rachael Jones.

interest in that its present occupants were busy over the forthcoming marriage of their daughter (age sixteen), and had many lovely things in the way of embroideries, clothes, cushion covers, etc., part of the bride's dowry, which we examined. The interior of the room on the right shows the girl's own bed, covered with the things she has made and embroidered to take to her future home. (House A, Plate IV.)

THESE WERE NOTED as follows: 10 pillows (ornamental), 12 sheets, 6 woven rugs for wall or floor, 2 woollen bed-covers (like long blankets), 4 woven bed-covers (patterned), 6 woven bed-covers (plain), and 20 towels (decorated). In addition, she was embroidering her own dresses and under-garments. Much of the work was quite fine and well done. We were informed that this dowry was a fair average one for a girl from this type of home.*

342 THE HOUSE ITSELF, which was built about fifty years ago, had brick and plaster walls, whitewashed throughout. Many of the houses are colour-washed, bright blue being a popular colour. The floors were of wood, as were also the steps leading up to the balcony. Chickens were housed in the vault under ooo the left room. There was a large garden, most of the ground

* Inventory by Rachel Jones.

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